

UNCONTESTED BUFFS

BAKER COMMODITIES INC., HANFORD HIDE SKINNING AND HIDE CURING FACILITY, Kings County

Baker Commodities, Inc., owns and operates a dead cow and calf skinning and hide curing facility west of Hanford. The Facility generates two types of waste: waste brine and hide skinning wastewater. Waste brine is generated from rock salt used in the hide curing process. The Facility currently discharges 20,000 gpd of hide skinning wastewater to three unlined lagoons. The Discharger ceased discharge of brine waste to the unlined lagoons in February 2001. The proposed WDRs permit the discharge of up to 35,000 gallons of hide skinning wastewater to lined ponds for treatment and then as a blended agricultural reuse water, and they prohibit the discharge of brine waste. The proposed WDRs include effluent limitations for sodium, chloride, and fixed dissolved solids. A separate Cleanup and Abatement Order established a time schedule for Baker Commodities to construct the lined ponds and investigate and remedy impacts from discharges of waste brine and hide skinning wastewater to the three unlined lagoons. (SJK)